



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Billy Joe Ratliff, Jr.)	Confirmation No. 7817
For: TIRE TREAD)	Docket No. DN2003097
Serial No. 10/601,936)	Art Unit: 1733
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Dear Sir:

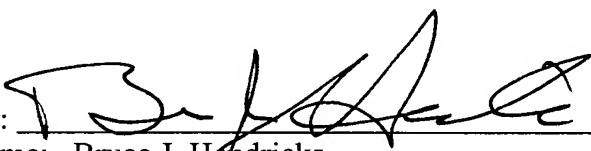
The Petitioner, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, having its principal place of business in Akron, Ohio, through its duly authorized agent, represents that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above referenced application and co-pending United States Applications No. 10/601986 and No. 10/601504. Petitioner hereby disclaims the terminal part of any patent granted on the above-identified application that would extend beyond the expiration of co-pending U.S. Patent Applications No. 10/601986 and No. 10/601504. The Petitioner hereby agrees that any patents so granted on the above identified application shall be enforceable only for and during such periods that legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to co-pending U.S. Applications No. 10/601986 and No. 10/601504. This Agreement to run with any patent granted on the above identified application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors and assigns.

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THE GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

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